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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 4736 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 9/13/77.

QUOTE S E C R E T PRETORIA 4736

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1, 2, 3,

TAGS: MUNC, SF

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ASSURANCES

REF: (A) STATE 218572, (B) PRETORIA 4683,

1. APPRECIATE EXPLANATIONS CONTAINED REFTEL (A).

2. I BELIEVE SIMULTANEOUS APPROACH IN PRETORIA ALONG
LINES PARA 5 OF REFTEL (A) WOULD BE HELPFUL. PROPOSED
VANCE-BOTHA LETTER MIGHT TAKE THE FOLLOWING FORM:

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QUOTE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED THAT I CONVEY
OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA'S PEACEFUL
NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. THAT ACTION WAS AN IMPORTANT
BEGINNING IN REASSURING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OVER
THE AIMS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PROGRAMS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

QUOTE FOLLOWING UP ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PUBLIC
STATEMENT ON AUGUST 24, I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR
MUTUAL INTEREST TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEAL WITH THE
REMAINING CONCERNS SURROUNDING SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR
PLANS. WITH THIS IN MIND, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW
THAT AMBASSADOR GERARD C. SMITH WILL BE CONTACTING
AMBASSADOR SOLE IN WASHINGTON DURING THE COURSE OF
THIS WEEK ABOUT CONSOLIDATING THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF
THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSURANCES.

QUOTE I TRUST THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH'S PROPOSALS
WILL BE GIVEN THE MOST SERIOUS ATTENTION BY YOUR GOVERNMENT.

SINCERELY,

CY UNQUOTE
BOWDLER UNQUOTE VANCE

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